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(CONSERVATIVE) OF JULY 10 COMMENTS:

"....THE DETAILS OVER THE NATURE OF SECURITY HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT
AFTER HARD-FOUGHT BATTLES. FOR THE RUSSIANS SECURITY MEANS CONTROL;
FOR THE WEST IT MEANS CONSENT. THIS HELPS TO EXPLAIN WHY THE
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN SO LONG AND WHY THE RESULTS WILL BE MODEST
IN TERMS OF ACTUAL CHANGE THOUGH WELL WORTHWHILE AS A STEP IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION. THE BASIC DIFFERENCE WILL REMAIN SO LONG AS THE
SOVIETS CONTINUE TO EQUATE FREEDOM WITH INSECURITY. THE WEST
CONTINUES TO EQUATE IT WITH SECURITY. THE CONFERENCE HAS SHOWN
THAT THE FUTURE OF EUROPE DEPENDS ON VERY MUCH MORE THAN
ENDORING THE STATUS QUO." BIRN

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